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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. REFTEL, INTER ALIA, INDICATED A DETAILED F-5E TRAINING PLAN WOULD BE PROVIDED NLT 11 MAR 75. THIS GUIDANCE STILL APPLIES.
 2. USAF HAS COMPLETED REVIEW OF EXPECTED IMPACT BY DELAY OF PEACE HAWK IV ACCEPTANCE UNTIL 31 JANUARY 1975. DELAY WILL RESULT IN UP TO 2 MONTHS SLIPPAGE IN INITIAL DELIVERIES TO COUNTRY AND COST INCREASES; HOWEVER, TOTAL COST
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ESTIMATES ON OFFERS APPEAR ADEQUATE PROVIDED USAF UTILIZES

FLEXIBILITY TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CASES. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE COST ESTIMATE CUSHION INTRODUCED AT REQUEST OF SAG TO PRECLUDE LATER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET IS AFFECTED SIGNIFICANTLY. IF CUSHION STILL DESIRED, MODA SHOULD REQUEST TEN PER CENT ABOVE ESTIMATES FOR FLYAWAY, AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT (AGE), AND SPARES ON THE EXISTING OFFERS.

3. DELAY IN ACCEPTANCE WILL NECESSITATE EXTRAORDINARY MANAGEMENT OF GOVT FURNISHED AEROSPACE EQUIPMENT (GFAE).

AT BEST, NINE ITEMS OF GFAE MAY HAVE TO BE INSTALLED OUT-OF-STATION AT ADDED COST. OUT-OF-STATION INSTALLATIONS ACCOMPLISHED AFTER AIRCRAFT LEAVE PRODUCTION LINE WOULD RESULT IN SLIPPAGE OF UP TO 2 MONTHS IN INITIAL DELIVERIES TO SAUDI ARABIA. ALTERNATIVE TO SLIP ENTIRE PEACE HAWK IV PRODUCTION LINE WOULD BE EVEN MORE COSTLY BECAUSE OF FLUCTUATION INTRODUCED IN OVERALL F-5 PRODUCTION RATE (OFFER ESTIMATES NOT ADEQUATE TO COVER THIS ALTERNATIVE).

4. IMPROVED RADAR COULD NOT BE INSTALLED IN PRODUCTION FOR INITIAL AIRCRAFT. IMPACT OF ACCEPTANCE DELAY ON OTHER OPTIONS/IMPROVEMENTS CANNOT BE ASSESSED UNTIL THESE ARE FURTHER DEFINED. SOME COST IMPACT IS GENERATED.

5. THE FOLLOW-ON CONTRACTOR SUPPORT (PEACE HAWK V) PROPOSAL IS BEING FINALIZED. UNLESS A SIMILAR DELAY IN ITS ACCEPTANCE IS EXPERIENCED, APPEARS MAJOR IMPACT UPON THIS PROGRAM BY DELAYED ACCEPTANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT (PEACE HAWK IV) OFFERS WILL BE ON THE SUPPORT OF THE INITIAL AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE DELIVERED. BECAUSE THESE AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE TO BE CO-LOCATED WITH THOSE F-5E'S ALREADY IN COUNTRY, THERE WILL ONLY BE A MINIMAL IMPACT UPON SUPPORT OF THE NEW F-5E'S. F-5F AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, WOULD EXPERIENCE A LOW OPERATIONALLY READY RATE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO TO FOUR MONTHS AFTER DELIVERY, AS LEAD TIMES FOR MINIMUM ESSENTIAL AGE AND SPARES EXCEED THE TIME ALLOWED BY DELAYED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PEACE HAWK IV OFFERS. FOR BOTH THE F-5E AND F-5F AIRCRAFT, USAF ANTICIPATES THE RSAF WILL EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES WITH MISSION PLANNING AND DEPLOY-

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MENT UNTIL NECESSARY AGE AND SPARES CAN BE DELIVERED.

6. DOD ADVISES THAT ALL THE PROBLEMS GENERATED ARE SURMOUNTABLE; HOWEVER, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE EXTRAORDINARY MANAGEMENT AND WILL NOT BE SMOOTH AND TROUBLE-FREE. COUNTRY TEAM SHOULD NOT DOWNPLAY THE PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED BECAUSE SAG UNDERSTANDING, WHEN ROUGH SPOTS ARE ENCOUNTERED, WILL BE ESSENTIAL. EARLIER

ACCEPTANCE THAN 31 JANUARY 1975 WOULD REDUCE SCHEDULE COST AND SUPPORT IMPACT.

7. DOD IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PREPARE A TRAINING PLAN THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SAUDIS. THE TRAINING IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON TIME BUT, AS YOU KNOW, THE AIRCRAFT NOW BEING USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AT WILLIAMS ARE ATTRITION AIRCRAFT FOR THE VNAF AND WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE PROVIDED TO VIETNAM. ALTERNATIVES FOR REPLACING THESE AIRCRAFT ARE BEING EXPLORED. ALTHOUGH IT COULD BECOME NECESSARY FOR A FEW SAUDI AIRCRAFT TO REMAIN AT WILLIAMS FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, IT IS HOPED THIS

CAN BE AVOIDED. THE PRICE OF THIS TRAINING WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, UPON THE COURSE OF ACTION SELECTED. AS SOON AS DETAILS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED, AND THE OPTIMUM COURSE OF ACTION HAS BEEN DETERMINED, THE PLAN WILL BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY TO USMTM.
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